PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, thinking, judgment, and reasoning ability, and affects behavior, emotions, and the ability to perform self-care; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. As many as 200,000 of those are individuals under age 65 who have younger-onset Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. This eventually fatal disease is a serious and growing threat to the health of our world; and

WHEREAS, the human cost of Alzheimer's disease is staggering. More than 15 million caregivers provided over 17.4 billion hours of unpaid care in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Alzheimer's will cost the nation $203 billion. This number is expected to rise to $1.2 trillion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's disease, there is help for families, friends, and patients in the form of education, support, and services available statewide; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Timothy C. Matthes, Mayor of Port Orchard, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2013, as

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

in the City of Port Orchard as a special time to honor those who have been diagnosed, and honor the families and friends, caregivers and the advocates whose lives has been affected. I encourage all citizens to join me in showing support by wearing purple during the designated period.

Signed the 27th day of August 2013

Timothy C. Matthes, Mayor